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#### New claims

Hydraulic assembly, situated in the housing (2) of 1. which are a continuation bore (3) embodying a first 10 pressure side (26), a threaded bore (1) embodying a second pressure side (27), and between the first pressure side (26) and the second pressure side (27), a nonreturn valve (5) having an external thread (11) which is formed on a first cylindrical portion (8) of 15 a cylindrical valve housing (6) and can be screwed into the threaded bore (1), a passage duct (39) for a hydraulic fluid flow being formed, between a side wall of the threaded bore (1) and a first region of material removal (16) of the 20 lateral surface (10) of the cylindrical valve housing (6), in a plurality of angular segments ( $\alpha$ 1,  $\alpha$ 2,  $\alpha$ 3 and  $\alpha 4$ ) of the valve housing (6),

#### characterised

in that the first regions of material removal (16) are continued in a second cylindrical portion (3) adjoining the first cylindrical portion (8) and serve, with a plurality of second regions of material removal (17) situated between the first regions of material removal (16) exclusively in the second cylindrical portion (3), as engagements for a tool for screwing the nonreturn valve (5) into the threaded bore (1).

 Hydraulic assembly according to Claim 1, characterised

in that the cylindrical valve housing (6) comprises two, three or four equal-sized first regions of material removal (16) formed at equidistant angular intervals on the lateral surface (10) of the cylindrical valve housing (6).

- 3. Hydraulic assembly according to Claim 2,
- in that in the second cylindrical portion (3) the two, three or four second regions of material removal (17), which are equal in size to the first regions of material removal (16) are constructed in the angular
- segments ( $\alpha$ 5,  $\alpha$ 6,  $\alpha$ 7 and  $\alpha$ 8) of the valve housing (6).
  - 4. Hydraulic assembly according to Claim 3, characterised
- in that the first and second regions of material
  removal (16, 17) constitute levelled regions and form
  a square, hexagonal or octagonal profile for a tool
  for screwing the nonreturn valve (5) into the threaded
  bore (1).
- 25 5. Hydraulic assembly according to one of Claims 1 to 4, characterised

in that the threaded bore (1) merges, at the level of the end, facing towards the first pressure side (26), of the valve housing (6) screwed fully into the

threaded bore (1), via a transition (4) into a continuation bore (3), the diameter of which is designed smaller than the diameter of the threaded bore (1).

6. Hydraulic assembly according to Claim 5, characterised

in that the transition (4) has a conical form.

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7. Hydraulic assembly according to Claim 5 or 6, characterised

in that the hydraulic fluid flow between the valve housing (6) and the transition (4) between the threaded bore (1) and the continuation bore (3) is interrupted by the valve housing (6) pressing against the transition (4).

8. Hydraulic assembly according to one of Claims 1 to 7, characterised

in that the nonreturn valve (5) contains a valve seat (21) which is formed by a conical transition (40) from a first portion (19) of smaller inside diameter to a second portion (20) of larger inside diameter of a cutout (18) of the hollow-cylindrical nonreturn valve (5).

- Hydraulic assembly according to Claim 8, characterised
- in that the first portion (19) of the cutout (18) forms a first inflow opening (28) of the nonreturn valve (5).
  - 10. Hydraulic assembly according to Claim 3,

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in that the nonreturn valve (5) has a second opening (31) at the end of the valve housing (6) opposite the first inflow opening (28).

11. Hydraulic assembly according to Claim 10, characterised

in that the second portion (20) of the cutout (18)

contains a spherical valve body (22) which is pressed against the valve seat (21) by the spring force of a prestressed spring (25) likewise situated in the second portion (20) of the cutout (18) and the pressure difference between the pressure prevailing at the second opening (31) and the pressure prevailing at the first inflow opening (28).

- 12. Hydraulic assembly according to one of Claims 8 to 11, characterised
- in that the hollow-cylindrical nonreturn valve (5) has in the second portion (20) of the cutout (18) a plurality of through-openings (38) which are distributed in equidistant angular segments (β) on a circular line which is concentric with the longitudinal axis (37) of the nonreturn valve (5) and
- longitudinal axis (37) of the nonreturn valve (5) and lies on the inner lateral surface of the valve housing (6), these through-openings opening into a region (33) of the second pressure side (27) of the threaded bore (1), which region is situated on the side of the first cylindrical portion (8) facing towards the first pressure side (26).
  - 13. Hydraulic assembly according to Claim 11, characterised
- in that the spring (25) is prestressed between a first and second spring plate (23, 24).

14. Hydraulic assembly according to Claim 13,

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in that the first and second spring plate (23, 24) have the same geometry.

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15. Hydraulic assembly according to Claim 13 or 14, characterised

in that the spring force of the prestressed spring (25) is transmitted to the valve body (22) via the first spring plate (23).

16. Hydraulic assembly according to one of Claims 13 to 15,

#### characterised

- in that the second spring plate (24) is supported against a snap ring (34) guided in an annular groove at the inner lateral surface of the hollow-cylindrical valve housing (6).
- 20 17. Hydraulic assembly according to one of Claims 13 to 16,

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in that the first and second spring plate (23, 24) each has an inner bore (32) for supplying the pressure prevailing at the second opening (31) to the valve body (22).